

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment to the Specification, which updates Government Rights in the Present Application, is respectfully solicited.

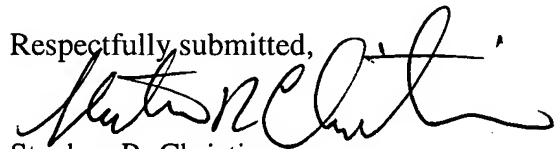
The Office Action mailed February 15, 2005, has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-22 were rejected under the nonstatutory double patenting rejection based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy so as to prevent the unjustified or improper time wise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application with 37 CFR § 1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence in the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

CONCLUSION

Applicants, have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the present Application is now fully in condition for allowance and issuance of Claims 1 through 22 is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the Office telephone Applicants' attorney in the event that a telephone conference could expedite the prompt issuance of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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